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I, Ruckner - Hart, a notary public in the state of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the afore-signed <u>Karl VLee Barnett</u> did appear before me, on <u>8-8-05</u> and did sign his name to this <u>J</u> page SWORN AFFIDAVIT, as being his true sworn statement and oath before GOD!

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- Garden Style Apartments
- Optional Fireplaces
- Optional Vaulted Ceiling
- Enclosed Patios or Open Balconies
- Ceiling Fans
- Mini Blinds / Vertical Blinds
- Spacious All Electric Kitchens
- Dishwashers
- Garbage Disposal
- Washer & Dryer Connections
- Walk In Closets
- Wall to Wall Carpet
- Six Floor Plans

Amenities

- Friendly Customer Service
- Convenient Location
- 24 hr Emergency Maintenance
- 24 hr Laundry Care Center
- 24 hr Fitness Center
- 2 Swimming Pools
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Car Care Center
- Playground
- Clubhouse
- Notary Service
- Guest Suite
- Resident Activities/Social Functions



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In re Patent of Barnett Patent No. 6,170,281 Issue Date: January 9, 206 Office of Petition's

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Request for Information .

This letter is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed on March 6, 2005, requesting the acceptance of the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

Prior to rendering a decision on the petition, the Office wishes to ensure it is able to fully consider the facts and circumstances surrounding the expiration of the patent. Petitioner fails to discuss:

(1) Would the 3.5 year fee have been timely paid if a reissue application had not been filed? (2) Would the 3.5 year fee have been timely paid if the original patent had not been "surrendered"?

Petitioner should fully address the questions listed above.

Petitioner should submit the requested information within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may not be obtained. No additional fee is due for a response to the instant request for information. The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Request for Information." The failure to file a reply to the instant Request for Information will be interpreted as a desire to no longer pursue reinstatement of the patent and the Office will give no further consideration to the matter.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

By mail:

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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(571) 273-8300

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Telephone inquiries may be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

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I, Buckner-Hart, a notary public in the state of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the afore-signed Karl Vice Barnett did appear before me, on 8-8-05 and did sign his name to this 2 page SWORN AFFIDAVIT, as being his true sworn statement and oath before GOD!

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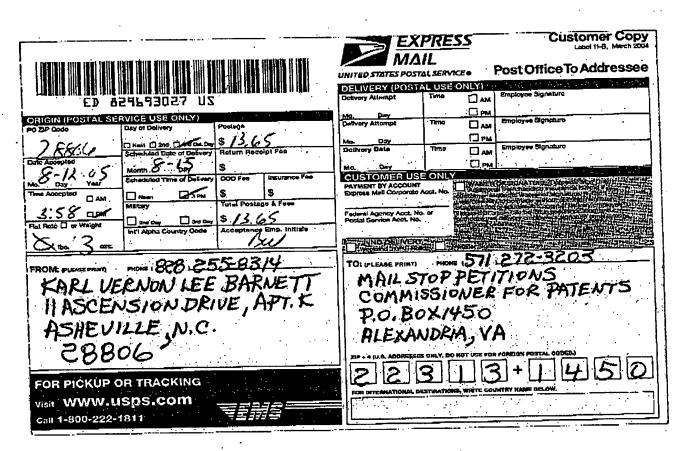
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